GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6192
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RELEASE OF FUNDS UNDER NSAP
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Old Age Pension Scheme and National Family Benefit Scheme are being operated by the Government for poor people under the National Social Assistance Programme(NSAP);

(b) if so, the amount allocated to various States including Bihar during the last three years and the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether the amount allocated for the said schemes has been spent on some other works in Bihar;

(d) whether the target fixed for Bihar and other States have been achieved and the amount surrendered by the said States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) The Ministry of Rural Development had been administering the Centrally Sponsored National Social Assistance Programme consisting of National Old Age Pension Scheme and the National Family Benefit Scheme until the Programme was transferred to the State Plan alongwith the Annapurna Scheme with effect from the financial year 2002-03. After the transfer of the schemes the total allocation for the transferred schemes is decided by the Planning Commission. The funds are being released by the Ministry of Finance/Ministry of Home Affairs as Additional Central Assistance(ACA) to the States/UTs in accordance with the allocation made by the Planning Commission to States/UTs to augment their efforts in this regard. The States/UTs have requisite flexibility in the choice and implementation of the Schemes. The Ministry of Rural Development has no Budget Provision for the transferred Schemes.

(b) The details of amount of ACA allocated to the States under National Social Assistance Programme including Annapurna during the year 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05 are given in the Annexure.

(c) No such report has been received by the Ministry of Rural Development.

(d) & (e) The ACA is a combined allocation for NSAP and Annapurna. The ACA provided to the States/UTs under NSAP and Annapurna could be utilized by the States/UTs on Welfare Schemes of Old Age Pension, Family Benefit or free foodgrains to the aged by taking up one or two or all of the three or in any other combination in accordance with their own priorities and needs. Thus, after the transfer of the schemes, the schemes, targets and coverage are determined by the State Governments. The Government of Bihar has reported that an amount of Rs.4.40 lakhs under NFBS and Rs.475.94 lakhs under NOAPS was surrendered during the year 2002-03 and Rs.99.07 lakhs was surrendered under NOAPS during 2003-04. The Government of Jharkhand has also reported that an amount of Rs.27.46 lakhs and Rs.216.30 lakhs has been surrendered under the NSAP during the year 2002-03 & 2003-04 respectively.

Annexure

Statement referred to in reply to Part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 6192 due for reply on 6-5-2005

State-wise Allocation under National Social Assistance Programme including Annapurna

(Rs. In Lakhs)

Combined Allocation

Sl. No.	Name of the States	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	Andhra Pradesh	6541.26	6540.02	6742.62
2	Bihar	6227.38	6226.20	13205.06
3	Chhattisgarh	2042.80	2042.41	2888.60
4	Goa	38.70	38.69	66.90
5	Gujarat	822.96	822.81	3580.34
6	Haryana	577.38	577.27	1310.94

7	Himachal Pradesh	273.38	273.33	546.83
8	J & K	378.72	378.65	734.65
9	Jharkhand	2175.23	2174.82	4612.55
10	Karnataka	3422.13	3421.49	5204.61
11	Kerala	1763.32	1762.99	2872.43
12	Madhya Pradesh	5406.38	5405.35	7644.82
13	Maharashtra	4932.70	4931.77	10227.84
14	Orissa	4516.85	4515.99	5896.20
15	Punjab	487.61	487.51	897.34
16	Rajasthan	1826.60	1826.26	3771.19
17	Tamilnadu	4748.64	4747.74	7038.76
18	Uttar Pradesh	9866.29	9864.43	19839.69
19	Uttaranchal	608.45	608.34	1223.52
20	West Bengal	4155.73	4154.94	7988.73
	Sub Total	60812.52	60801.01	106293.63

North Eastern States

21	Arunachal Pradesh	256.87	256.83	415.42
22	Assam	4306.64	4306.00	8217.33
23	Manipur	431.26	431.20	628.87
24	Meghalaya	466.79	466.72	684.66
25	Mizoram	131.62	131.60	195.83
26	Nagaland	325.60	325.55	446.99
27	Sikkim	127.06	127.04	190.68
28	Tripura	754.16	754.05	1119.23
	Sub Total	6800.00	6798.99	11899.00
	GRAND TOTAL	67612.52	67600.00	118192.63